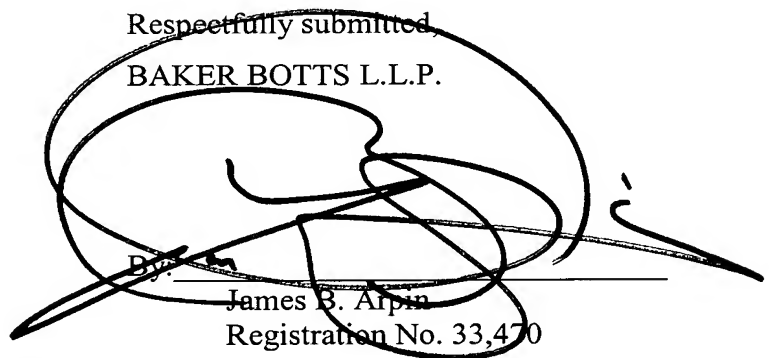


REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to correct the improper multiple dependent format of claim 14 and to remove certain informalities in claims 1, 7, and 12. In accordance with MPEP 608.01(b), Applicants also have amended the Abstract to remove the reference numbers and certain informalities and legal phraseology. These amendments are fully supported by the specification, and no new matter is added by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments to the claims.

No fees are believed due as a result of these amendment. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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